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LB 994A

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Do I have an amendment to this amendment, Mr. Clerk? I think I do.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the Vickers amendment.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Lamb, you need to speak to your amendment. Your time is being taken as you walk back to the microphone.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I have plenty of time. This is a very simple amendment. Take only a couple minutes to adopt it. This would reduce the teacher stipend. Senator Vickers is attempting to reduce the teacher stipend from \$20 million down to \$10 million. I am trying to amend his amendment to take that \$10 million down to zero, basically because I don't think we should have direct teacher stipends directly from the state to the teachers, that state aid to schools has historically been funneled through the school district and the Board of Education then makes the decision as to how that money should be spent. That is it, simply. It just...in 994 there is this section, I think it is Section 15, which sets up this teacher stipend fund. It doesn't say how much would be in that fund. Now the A bill, original A bill said there would be \$20 million in the direct stipend fund and Senator Vickers is suggesting that \$20 million be cut to \$10 million. I am asking that the money be cut out of there completely and then we will put state aid into another bill. We already have 341 going across. It advanced from General Fund and it has \$50 million in there. Now that might be too much, but it can be amended down to include this \$10 million. So I would prefer to see this \$10 million instead of go directly to the teachers through this stipend system go to the school board and let the school board decide how the money would be spent. I would ask that the amendment to the amendment be adopted.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to Senator Lamb's amendment?